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1. ON THE BASIS OF EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH BOMBAY, CALCUTTA AND MADRAS, WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS AND PROPOSALS IN REPROGRAMMING US POSITIONS IN INDIA. AS WILL BE INDICATED SPECIFICALLY BELOW, WE HAVE ONE GENERAL PROBLEM REGARDING YOUR PROPOSALS. WE AGREED TO ELIMINATE POLITICAL OFFICER POSITIONS IN THE CONSULATES GENERAL BECAUSE THEY WERE OF LESSER IMPORTANCE TO US INTERESTS THAN ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL POSITIONS. HOWEVER, THE REPROGRAMMING PROPOSED BY WASHINGTON WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF ASSIGNING POLITICAL OFFICERS TO ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL POSITIONS AND THUS SOMEWHAT CIRCUMVENT THE OBJECTIVE OF THE EXERCISE.

2. NEW DELHI WE CONCUR IN THE ELIMINATION OF POLITICAL OFFICER POSITION NO. 313 CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY GRANT SMITH. WE ALSO AGREE IN THE ABOLITION OF THE PARKER POSITION (NO. 240).

3. CALCUTTA. LIEBOWITZ HAS HAD ECONOMIC EXPERIENCE AND WE BELIEVE HE COULD CARRY THE DPO ROSSELOT POSITION AND WE AGREE TO HIS ASSIGNMENT TO IT. ROSSELOT IS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT A TRANSFER TO KARACHI. HE SAYS HE

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HAS THOROUGHLY ENJOYED CALCUTTA BUT PROPERLY SEES THE

KARACHI JOB AS A BIGGER ONE WITH MORE RESPONSIBILITY AND CHALLENGE. WE SUGGEST THE DEPARTMENT PROCEED WITH CLEARANCES FROM ISLAMABAD AND KARACHI.

4. BOMBAY. AFTER EXAMINATION WITH BOMBAY OF SEVERAL OTHER ALTERNATIVES, WE HAVE REACHED THE CONCLUSION THE DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSAL UNDER WHICH MCCASKILL WOULD EXTEND AND RAY MOVE TO DELHI INTO THE WALLACE COMMERCIAL JOB IS THE BEST. RAY IS DISAPPOINTED AT THE ELIMINATION OF HIS POSITION IN BOMBAY BUT IS PREPARED TO TAKE ON THE DELHI JOB PRESUMABLY FOR THE BALANCE OF HIS TWO-YEAR ASSIGNMENT. HE IS A BRIGHT AND PROMISING YOUNG OFFICER WHO, GIVEN TIME, SHOULD BE ABLE TO LEARN THE JOB. HE WOULD, HOWEVER, HOPE THAT FOLLOWING HIS PRESENT ASSIGNMENT HE WOULD GET A POLITICAL OFFICER JOB SINCE HE HAS CHOSEN THE POLITICAL CONE AND WE SUPPORT HIM IN THIS. HE HAS ALREADY DEMONSTRATED HIS TALENT FOR POLITICAL REPORTING. MCCASKILL WOULD BE PLEASED TO STAY IN BOMBAY UNTIL THE SUMMER OF 1976 IF THE JOB OF CONSUL GENERAL AT THESSALONIKI OR A COMPARABLE JOB IS NOT FORTHCOMING THIS FALL. HE WOULD LIKE TO KEEP THE DOOR OPEN TO SUCH POSITIONS AND CONSUL GENERAL BANE AND THE EMBASSY SUPPORT HIM IN THIS.

5. MADRAS. WE DO NOT RPT NOT SUPPORT THE ASSIGNMENT OF ROY TO THE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL POSITION AS THIS LEAVES THE POST WITHOUT COMPETENCE IN THIS FIELD. INSTEAD, WE PROPOSE THAT ATCHLEY BE EXTENDED IN MADRAS UNTIL THE SUMMER OF 1976. ATCHLEY INDICATES HE WOULD BE WILLING TO DO THIS UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT HAS AN PARTICULARLY ATTRACTIVE ALTERNATIVE ASSIGNMENT FOR HIM. WE PROPOSE THAT ROY BE ASSIGNED TO THE HOUSE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER POSITION. THIS WOULD NECESSITATE CANCELLATION OF THE KENNETH SCOTT ASSIGNMENT BUT SCOTT'S MOVE IS NOT SCHEDULED UNTIL NEXT OCTOBER AND THAT SHOULD DOVETAIL WELL WITH ROY'S COMPLETION OF TAMIL LANGUAGE TRAINING.

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